

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes \_\_\_\_\_  
no \_\_\_\_\_

Property Name: Chaptico Historic District Inventory Number: SM-69  
Address: Hurry Chaptico & Zach Fowler Roads City: Chaptico Zip Code: 20621  
County: St. Mary's USGS Topographic Map: Rock Point  
Owner: Multiple Is the property being evaluated a district? X yes  
Tax Parcel Number: various Tax Map Number: 17 Tax Account ID Number: Multiple  
Project: MD 234 at MD 238 Round About Agency: Maryland State Highway Administration  
Site visit by MHT staff: X no \_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Is the property located within a historic district? X yes \_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_

*If the property is within a district* District Inventory Number: SM 69  
NR-listed district \_\_\_\_\_ yes Eligible district \_\_\_\_\_ yes Name of District: Chaptico Historic District  
Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource \_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no Non-contributing but eligible in another context \_\_\_\_\_ yes

*If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district)* Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible X yes \_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_

Criteria: X A \_\_\_\_\_ B X C \_\_\_\_\_ D \_\_\_\_\_ Considerations: \_\_\_\_\_ A \_\_\_\_\_ B \_\_\_\_\_ C \_\_\_\_\_ D \_\_\_\_\_ E \_\_\_\_\_ F \_\_\_\_\_ G \_\_\_\_\_ None

Documentation on the property/district is presented in:

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

The Chaptico Historic District is considered eligible for the National Register of Historic Places as a surviving intact example of an 18th century village in St. Mary's County. The community is characterized by its dispersed settlement pattern that has remarkably remained intact today as well as the National Register listed Christ Church and a cluster of 19th and early 20th century homes.

Chaptico was established as a port by an act of the General Assembly of Maryland in 1683. Also in 1683, the Chaptico Post Office was established. It shares the distinction with Leonardtown of being the oldest post office in St. Mary's County. Christ Church was constructed in 1736. Although today it is near tidal wetlands, at the time of construction the Church was located near the existing wharf and warehouses. Church records mention water entering the building during high tides and strong storms. During the Revolutionary War, supplies were stored and sent to General Washington's Army from the Chaptico Port. This was often difficult as the Potomac was patrolled by the British.

By the end of the 18th century, the Chaptico Run (the main water way entry to town) gradually silted to the point that it was no longer navigable. Nevertheless, according to Marks in her work *Economics and Society in a Staple Plantation System: St. Mary's County, Maryland 1790-1840*, Chaptico remained a vibrant community and was even noted as the most public trading

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW**

Eligibility recommended X Eligibility not recommended \_\_\_\_\_  
Criteria: X A \_\_\_\_\_ B \_\_\_\_\_ C \_\_\_\_\_ D \_\_\_\_\_ Considerations: \_\_\_\_\_ A \_\_\_\_\_ B \_\_\_\_\_ C \_\_\_\_\_ D \_\_\_\_\_ E \_\_\_\_\_ F \_\_\_\_\_ G \_\_\_\_\_ None  
MHT Comments

Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

Reviewer, NR Program

Date

Date

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place in the county in 1791. A polling place was established in 1800 and by 1819 the Chaptico tobacco warehouse was the only inspection point extant in the county.

In Hammet's A History of St. Mary's County, she identifies that in 1674 legislation was enacted to amend the way out of Charles County into St. Mary's City. The two counties built a new road that was "passable for horse and foote over such place of Zechiah swamp within two miles of said mill upward as shall be convenient. That 1674 description fits the present route MD 234." Additionally, another early road led from St. Clement's Manor by way of 'Wolf Trap' and 'Ironstone Hill' to Chaptico. This road was called the Chaptico Indian Path.

During the 1800s public roads in St. Mary's County were created by acts of the legislature. Three roads include Newport to Chaptico to Charlotte Hall in 1811, Church near Chaptico to Chaptico Run in 1835, and from Chaptico through the lands of Garner and others in 1840. Clearly, the amount of public funds used for transportation purposes to and from Chaptico illustrates the importance of the Chaptico to the community at large.

Chaptico remained an important commercial center through the late 19th century as The Maryland Directory and State Gazetter for 1887 lists six general merchandise stores, a saloon, and a millinery shop.

Today the houses remain much as they would have 100 years ago with a collection of turn of the century housing stock with large yards/agricultural fields. Properties that contribute to the significance of the Chaptico Historic District include:

1. Christ Church (SM-70 and NR 1121) - 25390 Maddox Road - Tax Map 17, Parcel 11
2. Christ Church Hall and Rectory - 37501 Zach Fowler Road - Tax Map 17, Parcel 129
3. Locust Grove (SM-148) - 25434 Hurry Road - Tax Map 17, Parcel 88
4. Henry F. Burroughs House (SM 434) - 37537 Zach Fowler Road - Tax Map 17 Parcel 6
5. Dr. Aloysius Welch House (SM 413) - 25441 Hurry Road - Tax Map 17, Parcel 12
6. George R. Garner Store (SM 418) - 25405 Hurry Road - Tax Map 17, Parcel 204
7. W. Edelen Gough House (SM 415) - Hurry Road - Tax Map 17, Parcel 64
8. James H. Drury House (SM 149) - 25450 Hurry Road - Tax Map 17, Parcel 5
9. Zach Fowler House (SM 147) - 37431 Zach Fowler Road, Tax Map 17, Parcel 157, Lot 1
10. Martin Welch House (SM 416) Hurry Road, Tax Map 17, Parcel 157, Lot 2
11. George Nelson House (SM 419) Hurry Road, Tax Map 17, Parcel 67

Non Contributing Structures include:

1. Chaptico Post Office constructed in 1967
2. Village Liquors & Gas Station located at the northwest quadrant of MD 234 and MD 238 (1969)
3. Welch Shop (grocery store) located at the southwest quadrant of MD 234 and MD 238 (1966)
4. 25440 Maddox Road constructed 1966 (Map 17, Parcel 69)

The boundary described in the MIHP form is as follows and is recommended as the National Register Eligible boundary. The district is bounded on the east by MD 234, on the west by Chaptico Run; the southern boundary extends to the rear property line of the Nelson Home (SM 419) while the northern boundary extends to the northwestern property line of the W. Edelen Gough House (SM 415).

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW**

Eligibility recommended \_\_\_\_\_

Eligibility not recommended \_\_\_\_\_

Criteria: \_\_\_\_\_ A \_\_\_\_\_ B \_\_\_\_\_ C \_\_\_\_\_ D Considerations: \_\_\_\_\_ A \_\_\_\_\_ B \_\_\_\_\_ C \_\_\_\_\_ D \_\_\_\_\_ E \_\_\_\_\_ F \_\_\_\_\_ G \_\_\_\_\_ None

MHT Comments \_\_\_\_\_

Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Reviewer, NR Program \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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The Chaptico Historic district is considered eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A as one of the few remaining intact examples of an 18th century community in St. Mary's County. It has integrity of setting, feeling, and association. Christ Church built in 1736 remains at the core of the community. The most distinctive characteristic of this community is the widely dispersed settlement pattern. It is also illustrative of early settlements reliance upon water transportation shifting to road transportation.

The Chaptico Historic District is not considered eligible for the National Register under Criterion B. While many people of historical significance may have passed through the community or be closely associated with it, the community itself was not developed by one particular large property owner, nor did research indicate that one person of historic significance contribute to the growth and development of the town more so than any other persons living in the community during the period of significance.

The Chaptico Historic District is considered eligible for the National Register under Criterion C as a good example of community planning in the early 18th century and for its collection of mid to late 19th century vernacular housing stock. While many of the structures have undergone a few architectural modifications, the overall Chaptico Community retains integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association.

The Chaptico Historic District is not being evaluated for its National Register eligibility under Criterion D.

Prepared by: Becky KermesDate Prepared: 05/05/2004**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW**

Eligibility recommended \_\_\_\_\_

Eligibility not recommended \_\_\_\_\_

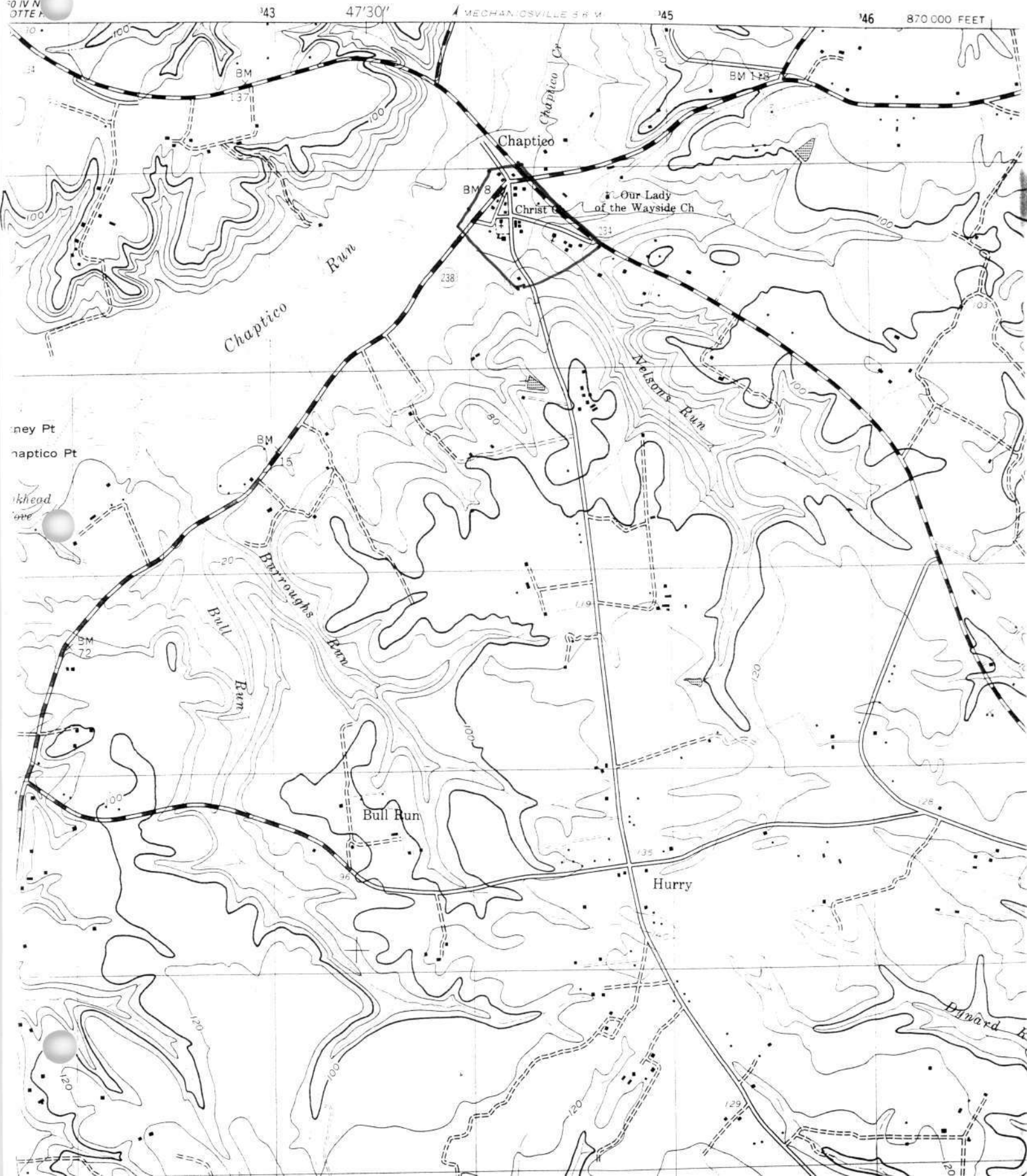
Criteria:    A    B    C    D Considerations:    A    B    C    D    E    F    G    None

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Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services\_\_\_\_\_  
Date\_\_\_\_\_  
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SM - 159  
Chaptico Historic District  
St. Mary's County MD  
B. Kermes, photographer  
March 2004  
Negatives @ MD SHD

View of Chaptico taken from MD 234 looking  
east. View is ~~west~~<sup>south</sup> of intersection w/ MD 238  
Note spacing of structures & Christ Church  
(SM 70) in Background.



SM 69  
Chaptico Historic Dist. of  
St. Mary's County MD  
B. Kermes, Photographer  
March 2004  
Negatives @ MD SHPO

View of Hurny-Chaptico Road - taken from  
South of the church looking north toward  
intersection w/ MD 236. Note cemetery  
of Christ Church on the left side of the  
picture.

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SM 109  
Chapico Historic District  
St. Mary's County, MD  
B. Kermes, Photographer  
March 2004  
Negatives @ MD SAPD

View of Hurry Road - taken from south of Christ  
Church looking in a ~~north westerly~~ direction.  
north westerly

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SM 69  
Chaplico Historic District  
St Mary's County, MD  
B Kermes, photographer  
March 2004  
Negatives @ MD SHPO

View of Post Office (1967) and SM-415 Gough  
House. Taken from MD 234 looking west.

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SM.48/SM.69

George R. Graines Store / Chaptin Historic District

St. Mary's County, MD

Photographer - B. Kermes

March 2004

Negatives @ MD SHPD

Photo is of front facade (north) and faces MD  
238, just south of the MD 238 / Hurry  
Road intersection.

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Chaptco Historic District

St. Mary's County, MD

B Kermes, photographs

March 2004

Negatives @ MD SHPO

View of Zach Fowler House

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NR 1121

SM 70 / SM 69

Christ Church / Chapeau Historic District

St. Mary's Church

B. Kermes, photographia

March 2004

Negatives @ MD SHPO

View of the front elevation. Front elevat.

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SM 149/SM 69

James Drury House/Carroll County Historic District

St. Mary's County Maryland

B. Kermes photographer

March 2004

Negatives @ MD SHPD

Front facade of SM 149 faces west onto  
Huntingdon Road just south of the intersection  
of Hill Road and MD 238.

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SM-434 / SM-69

Henry F. Burroughs House / Choptico Historic  
St. Mary's County, MD District

Berley Kermers, photographer

March 2004

Negatives @ MD SHPO

Front facade of SM-434 located on Zach  
Fowler Road, at intersection w/ MD 234,  
~~with~~ Located within boundaries of  
SM-69 / Choptico Historic District

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SM-413 / SM-69

Dr. Aloysius Welch House / Chaptico Historic Dist.

St. Mary's County, MD

Becky Kelmser, Photographer

March 2004

Negatives @ MD SHPO

Oblique of the south + east (main) elevation of  
SM-43 - taken from Turney-Chaptico Road.

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SM 009  
Chapico Historic District  
Non-Contributing Resource  
St. Mary's County, MD  
B. Kermes, photographer  
March 2004  
Negatives @ MD SHPD

View of grocery store - it faces MD 238 - located  
at the southwest corner of the MD 238 &  
MD 238 intersection

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## CHAPTICO

ESTABLISHED IN 1683 AS ONE OF THE  
FOUR PORTS OF ENTRY IN ST. MARY'S  
COUNTY. SHIPPING CONTINUED UNTIL  
EARLY IN THE TWENTIETH CENTURY.  
CHRIST CHURCH, BUILT IN 1736, HAS  
BEEN USED CONTINUOUSLY SINCE. ON  
JULY 30, 1814, BRITISH FORCES LOOTED  
THE TOWN, CAUSING MUCH DAMAGE.

MARPLES HISTORICAL SOCIETY

SM 609  
Chaptico Historic District  
Historical Marker  
St. Mary's County, MD  
B. Kermes, photographer  
March 2004  
Negatives @ NPS SUPD

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Historical marker located on the  
west side of MD 234, north of the  
intersection w/ MD 38.

Capsule Summary  
SM-69  
Chaptico Survey District  
Chaptico  
Public

Circa 1736 - 1940

The village of Chaptico is significant as one of the few eighteenth century village centers to survive in St. Mary's County. The village is especially remarkable since the county landscape has always been characterized by widely dispersed settlement. This crossroads community retains the eighteenth century landmark Christ Church as its centerpiece as well as a cluster of nineteenth and early twentieth century structures. While the architectural integrity of some structures has been affected by the addition of artificial siding, the scale and plan of the village has changed little since the second quarter of the nineteenth century.

**Maryland Historical Trust  
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

**MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES**

Survey No. SM-69

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

**1. Name** (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Chaptico Historic District

**2. Location**

street & number Junction of Rte 234 and Rte 238 ☐ not for publication

city, town Chaptico ☐ vicinity of congressional district 5

state Maryland ☐ county St. Mary's

**3. Classification**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

**4. Owner of Property** (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Multiple ( see Attached)

street & number telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Clerk of Court liber

street & number St. Mary's County Courthouse folio

city, town Leonardtown state Md.

**6. Representation in Existing** Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

## 7. Description

Survey No. SM-69

### Condition

☒ excellent  
☐ good  
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated  
☐ ruins  
☐ unexposed

### Check one

☒ unaltered  
☐ altered

### Check one

☒ original site  
☐ moved      date of move \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Contributing Resource Count: 10

The Chaptico Historic District encompasses a small village located on the west side of Maryland Route 234, approximately four miles north of Clements, and four miles south of Budd's Creek, in St. Mary's County, Maryland. The district is bounded on the east by Maryland Route 234, and on the west by Chaptico Run. The southern boundary extends to the rear property line of the Nelson Home (SM-420), while the northern boundary extends to the northwestern property line of the W. Edelen Gough House (SM-415). The district is intersected by Maryland Route 238, also known as the Chaptico Maddox Road, which runs south to north along the western boundary of the town and then curves to the east where it meets Maryland Route 234. This intersection comprises the village's small commercial sector, consisting of two stores and a post office. The district is also bisected by the Chaptico Hurry Road which runs south to north, crosses Route 238 and dead ends 500 yards beyond the W. Edelen Gough House (SM-415). This road was the original north/south route which preceded Route 234. Many of Chaptico's historic buildings are situated along the Chaptico Hurry Road.

Within the historic district boundaries stand twelve houses, two stores, a post office, a medical office, a church, and a church hall. Ten buildings and sites of historic and/or architectural interest have been recorded within the village, including Christ Episcopal Church (SM-70), the Zach Fowler House (SM-147), Locust Grove (SM-148), the *James H. Drury* House (SM-149), the Aloysius C. Welch House (SM-413), the W. Edelen Gough House (SM-415), the Martin Welch House (SM-416), the Henry F. Burroughs House (SM-417), the George R. Garner Storehouse (SM-418), and the George T. Nelson House (SM-419). Most of these structures date to the nineteenth century, and are attractively situated on tree-shaded lots. All appear to be in good repair.

Recent changes which have affected the historic character of the village include the demolition of the Chaptico Store (SM-150) in the 1980s, the use of artificial siding on historic structures, and the construction of new buildings unsympathetic in design to the historic landscape. The village of Chaptico is not densely built and has actually lost a number of structures over the years, including two stores, a school, and a social hall. Still, Chaptico remains one of the few distinctively historic village centers in St. Mary's County.

The original focal point of Chaptico was the Flemish bond brick Christ Episcopal Church (SM-70). Built in 1736, this church is one of the earliest surviving examples of Colonial ecclesiastical architecture in Southern Maryland. Changes to the church include the alteration of its interior following the War of 1812, and the addition of a

## 8. Significance

Survey No. Sm-69

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

### Specific dates

### Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The village of Chaptico is significant as one of the few eighteenth century village centers to survive in St. Mary's County. The village is especially remarkable since the county landscape has always been characterized by widely dispersed settlement. This crossroads community retains the eighteenth century landmark Christ Church as its centerpiece as well as a cluster of nineteenth and early twentieth century structures. While the architectural integrity of some structures has been affected by the addition of artificial siding, the scale and the plan of the village has changed little since the second quarter of the nineteenth century.

Chaptico was established as a port by an act of the General Assembly of Maryland in 1683. Originally accessible by water, Chaptico Run gradually silted in to the point that it was already un navigable by the late 18th century. By that time, the wharf and the tobacco warehouse were located a mile and a half south of Chaptico at a site known as Darby's Landing.

Regardless of its distance from water access, Chaptico remained an important commercial center. A public house here, supposedly visited by George Washington in 1767 (Norris, 18), remained active into the nineteenth century. Chaptico was known as "the most public trading place in the county" (Marks, 30) in 1791, and in 1792, one of the first post offices in the county was established in the village. A polling place was established here in 1800 and by 1819 its tobacco warehouse was the only inspection point extant in the county. A plat of 1821 shows that Chaptico consisted of a blacksmith shop, an unidentified "shop," Christ Church, a public house, and five structures which may have served either residential or commercial uses or both.

The configuration of lots and the location of roads has changed little since the 1821 survey of Chaptico. At that time the Chaptico Hurry Road was known as the "road leading from Chaptico to Leonardtown." The southern section of Maryland Route 238 was considered "the road leading to Darbey's Landing," while the northeastern section led to St. Joseph's Chapel. Like today, the village was not

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. SM-69

See Attached

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 20 Acres more or less

Quadrangle name Rock Point

Quadrangle scale 1:24 000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone	Easting			Northing					

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Zone	Easting			Northing					

C 

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

A age identified within the boundaries of a attached Map.

### List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Elizabeth Hughes, Historic Sites Surveyor

organization St. Mary's County DPZ

date February 1994

street & number

telephone 301-475-4662

city or town Leonardtown

state Md

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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CROWNSVILLE, MD 21032-2022  
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SM-69, Chaptico Historic District  
St. Mary's County  
4.1 Owner of Property

1. Christ Episcopal Church (SM-70)
2. Zach Fowler House (SM-147) MRB 422/84  
Philip R. and Virginia A. Quade  
S.R. Box 1  
Chaptico, MD 20621  
(301) 884-5655
3. Locust Grove (SM-148) MRB 42/47  
G. Bradford and Donna Reeves  
Box 175  
Chaptico, MD 20621  
(301) 884-3974
4. James H. Drury House (SM-149) DBK 261/87  
Albert L. and JoAnn S. Barthelme  
P.O.Box 21  
Chaptico, MD 20621
5. Aloysius C. Welch House (SM-413) MRB 74/103  
Keith G. and Roberta M. Loker  
P.O.Box 26  
Chaptico, MD 20621
6. W. Edelen Gough House (SM-415) EWA 631/249  
Dennis K. and Victoria A. Ramey  
Chaptico, MD 20621  
(301) 884-4946
7. Martin Welch House (SM-416) MRB 167/476  
Eugene J. and Shelby B. Guazzo  
Box 2  
Chaptico, MD 20621  
(301) 769-2272
8. Henry F. Burroughs House (SM-417) MRB 31/33  
Mildred E. Harrison et al  
Zach Fowler Road  
Chaptico, MD 20621  
(301) 884-3663

SM-69, Chaptico  
St. Mary's County  
4.2 Owner of Property

- |     |                                                                                                                         |             |
|-----|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| 9.  | George R. Garner Storehouse (SM-418)<br>Audrey Ellis Orr<br>Chaptico-Hurry Road<br>Chaptico, MD 20621<br>(301) 884-4989 | MRB 169/161 |
| 10. | George T. Nelson House (SM-419)<br>Eugene J. and Shelby B. Guazzo<br>Box 2<br>Chaptico, MD 20621<br>(301) 769-2272      | DBK 204/110 |

SM-69, Chaptico Historic District  
St. Mary's County  
7.1 Description

tower to its western elevation in 1913. Christ Church is surrounded by a cemetery which is enclosed by a wrought iron fence. Christ Church continues to be the village's most significant architectural landmark and is in the process of being nominated to the National Register of Historic Places.

A potential historic archaeological site located in the village is the site of the eighteenth century tavern located on a triangular parcel behind the post office and referred to in the St. Mary's County Land Records as the "Tavern Lot," (CBG 14/477). This tavern, occupied by Joseph Edwards and owned by Philip Key in the late eighteenth century, was described in the 1798 Federal Direct Tax as "55 fe by 18, with a shed 8 fe by 30, one-story, 8 windows 2 1/2 fe by 4 1/2, five ditto 2 fe by 3 1/4, two ditto 1 1/2 fe by 2. Kitchen 16 fe by 20. Meathouse and dairy 20 fe by 24. Stable 20 fe by 24." According to George Morgan Knight, Jr., in Intimate Glimpses of Old St. Mary's, this tavern was built prior to the Revolutionary War and was visited by George Washington. The structure burned in 1862. No above ground remains of the tavern are visible.

The most outstanding residence extant in Chaptico is Locust Grove, also known as Christ Church Glebe (SM-148). The main block of the house is a two-story, three-bay frame structure finished with a pair of exterior chimneys at the north end joined by a two-story pent. A modern two-story, frame wing is attached to the southern end of this main block. Unlike the other houses in the village, Locust Grove is set apart and situated on a rise in the landscape. This house is said to have been built by Henry Green Garner in the 1840s.

Chaptico's only surviving log structure is the Martin Welch House (SM-419). Built sometime between 1835 and 1850, this three-bay, one-and-a-half story structure is constructed of hewn logs which have been notched into place. According to local tradition, this house was built for a Scottish immigrant by the name of Martin Welch. In the early twentieth century, the Welch house served Chaptico as a school.

Most of the residential structures which comprise the village consist of two-story frame buildings with slight setbacks from the road. These houses range in age from the 1840s to the 1930s. The most substantial and well-preserved of these structures is the Aloysius C. Welch House (SM-413). Built sometime between 1860 and 1870, the Welch House consists of a two-and-a-half story, three-bay northern gable end wing with a side hall-parlor plan. A slightly shorter, two-story, three-bay wing extends to the south. The Welch House has served both as a hotel and as a funeral parlor as well as a residence. The George R. Garner Storehouse (SM-418), the earliest section of which may have been built in the 1840s, is a two-story, three-bay building with a large north room which extends the length of the house. This room served as a grocery store during much of the twentieth century. The James H. Drury House (SM-149), a

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#### 7.2 Description

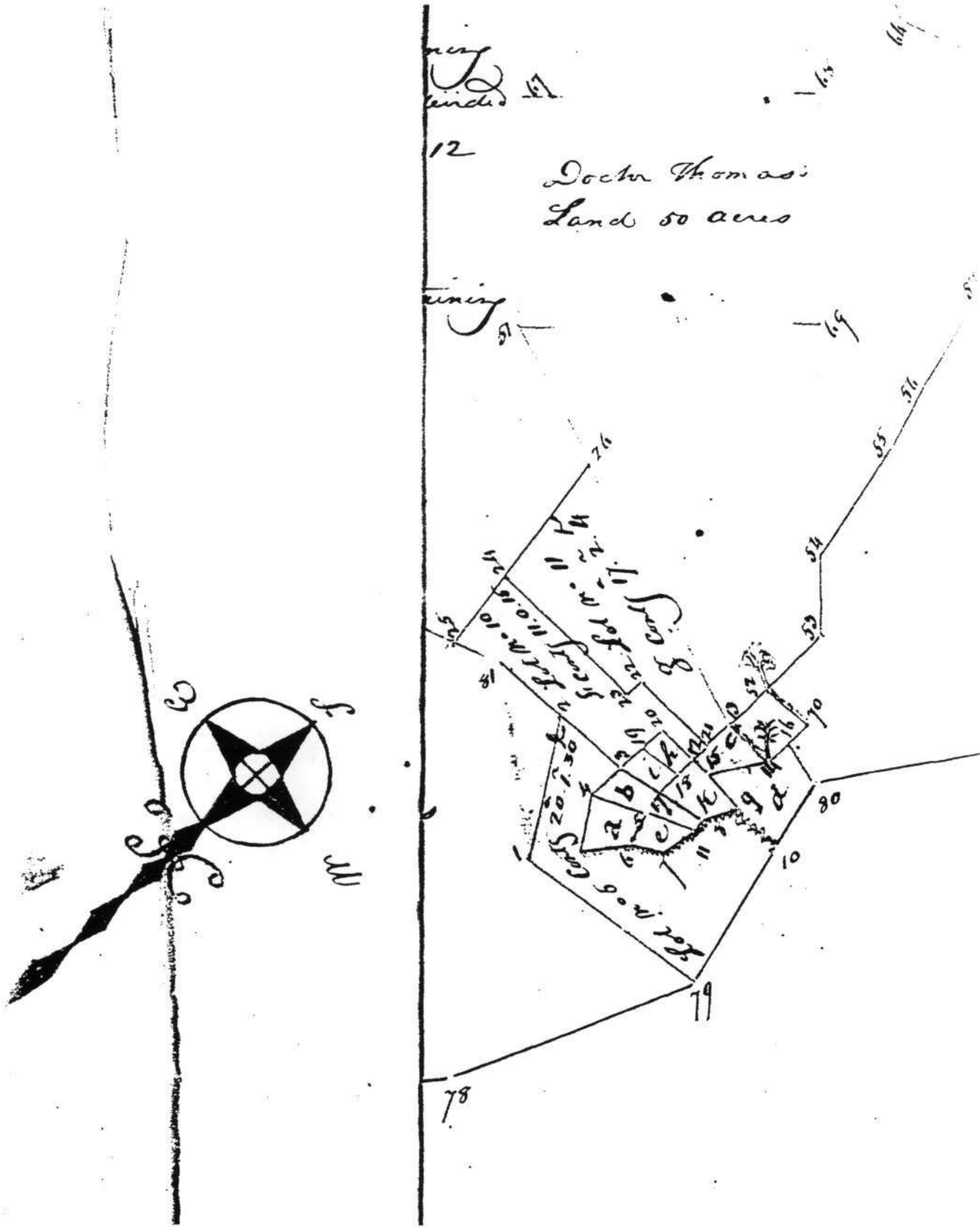
two-story, three-bay, center hall house, was standing in Chaptico by 1858. Much changed now, with the removal of its front porch and sheathing with brick veneer, the Drury House served as a general store from the 1860s until the early twentieth century.

The Zach Fowler House (SM-147) and the Nelson Home (SM-420) are examples of modest late nineteenth century homes in Chaptico. Both of these structures are two-story frame buildings with a center hall plan.

The W. Edelen Gough House (SM-415 ) and the Henry F. Burroughs House (SM-434 ), both built in the 1930s, represent the most recently constructed houses to be documented. These blocky, hipped roof, frame structures display elements of the Prairie and Colonial Revival styles in architecture popular at this time. These houses demonstrate that Chaptico continued to be a significant commercial and residential center in the early twentieth century.

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8.1 Significance

Plat JH2/154, "Survey of partition of a part of the real estate of the late Philip Key Esquire," 1821. (Key to plat is on page 8.2 Significance)



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8.2 Significance

Key to plat JH2/154, "Survey of partition of a part of the real estate of the late Philip Key Esquire," 1821.

Lot a: "on which stands the public house and the houses appertaining thereto."

Lot b: "containing 1 acre, 2 roods, 18 perches of land, on which stands the houses now occupied by Messrs. James and Joseph Shamwell." Point 3 is located "on the north edge of a road leading from Chaptico to St. Joseph's Chapel."

Lot c: "containing 1 acre, 1 rood, and 12 perches of land on which stands the house at present occupied by James Joy." The lot to the south of lot c is known as "the Church Lot." This lot is not assigned an identifying letter. Point 14 stands on the west side of the road leading from Chaptico to Darbey's landing.

Lot d: "containing 3 acres, 2 roods, and 20 perches of land, on which stands the Blacksmiths shop."

Lot e: "containing 3 roods and 27 perches of land on which stand the houses at present occupied by Messrs. Egerton and Pike."

Lot f: "containing 11 acres and 15 perches of land, on which stands the main body of the Dwelling house at Locust Grove and the shop." Note that point 23 is the location of "a post near the N.E. corner of the house (at Locust Grove) called the Shop" and that this boundary line actually passes through "at the joining between the main body and wing of the dwelling house at said place" to point 22. Point 12 is located on the east edge of the road leading from Chaptico to Leonard Town.

Lot g: "containing 17 acres, 2 roods, and 4 perches of land, on which stands all the houses at Locust Grove except the main body of the dwelling house and the shop."

Lot h: "containing 3 roods, and 5 perches of land, on which stands the houses lately occupied by James Scott."

Lot i: "containing 3 roods and 24 perches of land, having no improvements thereon."

Lot k: "containing 1 acre, 3 roods, and 8 perches of land, having no improvements thereon." Same acreage it has today.

Notes: Chaptico Run begins at point 10 and runs in a northerly direction to the northwest corner of Lot a.

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8.3 Significance

densely built. Only eight lots were improved with houses in 1821.

Chaptico's commercial activity remained strong into the late nineteenth and early twentieth century. A hotel stood here in the third quarter of the nineteenth century. The Maryland Directory and State Gazetteer for 1887 lists six general merchandise stores in the village: Albert S. Beale, A. Burroughs, Mrs. E.C. Coode, Fowler Brothers, J.J. Gough, and John C. Herbert. In addition, Z.C. Hayden ran a saloon and Mrs. Eva M. Love operated a millinery shop in town.

Historic sites located in the Chaptico area, though not within its district boundaries, include Deep Falls (SM-71), Savona (SM-72), Gravelly Hills (SM-73), Indian Town (SM-75), and Red House Farm (SM-244). The connection between these eighteenth and early nineteenth century estates is greater than may first appear, since all their owners conducted business in Chaptico in one form or another. More recent structures in the area include the Gardiner-Yowiaski Mill (SM-420) and Our Lady of the Wayside Church (SM-414), both of which served the needs of area residents.

Today, Chaptico is primarily a residential village, although two stores located at the junction of Route 234 and Route 238 continue to conduct a brisk business here. Little new building has occurred in the town since the 1930s. Much buildable open space remains in the center of the town and south of Christ Church, however. As development pressure continues to impact the northern end of St. Mary's County, this area may be the site of new building. Currently, no protections are in place to control what is built and how this growth will affect the historic village.

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**CHAPTICO**

*18th century*

(includes STMA-70, 71, 147, 148, 149, 150)

A historical marker erected here by the Maryland Historical Society reads:

"Established in 1683 as one of four ports of entry in St. Mary's County . . . On July 30, 1814, British forces looted the town, causing much damage."

## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM  
for the  
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

<b>1. NAME</b>					
COMMON: <i>Chaptico, Md. (Town of Chaptico)</i>					
AND/OR HISTORIC:					
<b>2. LOCATION</b>					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
CITY OR TOWN: <i>Chaptico</i>					
STATE: <i>Maryland</i>			COUNTY: <i>St. Mary's</i>		
<b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>					
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<p>See: SM-70  SM-71  SM-147  SM-148  SM-149  SM-150</p>			
<p>The church is the nucleus of the old village of Chaptico, picturesque group of old houses and <u>stores</u> which still old their eighteenth century charm.</p>			

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~~amous Spanish architect, Sir Christopher Wren. It was built~~  
to serve the people of the area and the village of Chaptico,  
which was established in 1689 as the result of a law passed  
by the General Assembly the previous year. Lord Baltimore  
desired that towns be built, and the Assembly in 1688 ordered  
that sixty-two towns be built in Maryland, and named the sites,  
which were all to be on navigable waters. Chaptico, "on His  
Lordship's Manor on Wicomico-on-Potomac" was one of these.  
It was a river port at that time, but the Chaptico Bay has  
since receded and is now about a half mile below the village.

During the War of 1812 the British landed at  
Chaptico and did a great deal of damage to  
the village and to Christ Church (See Christ Church, SM-70)

During the Civil War Chaptico again <sup>BECAME</sup> prominent - this time  
as a headquarters for sending contraband supplies and medicine  
to the South, via the Potomac River. Charles C. Spalding, who  
ran the old Gough Store at Chaptico (still existing) was sent  
to the Old Capitol Prison in Washington, and his \$20,00.00

stock of goods was confiscated because he was suspected of  
illicit trade with the South.

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A book titled "Muffled Cars" was written about the Chaptico area during this period, but unfortunately it was never published.

## 10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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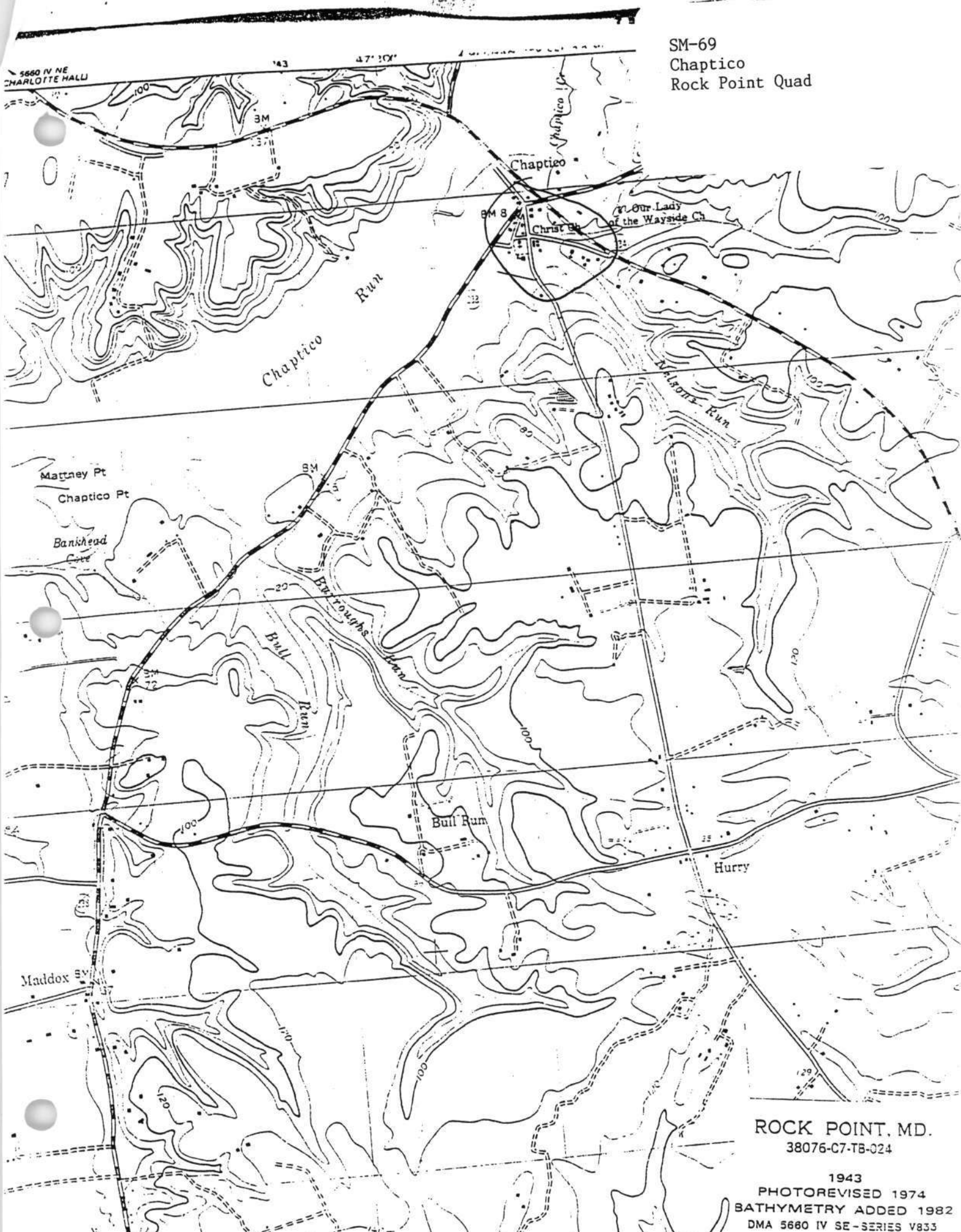
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